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INTERCESSION.

Leader—Then Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favor in thy sight, O King, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request: for we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain and to perish.—*Esther vii: 3, 4.*

Response—*And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness.*—Esther viii: 17.

Leader—Then the king said unto me (Nehemiah), For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven. And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favor in thy sight, that thou wouldst send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it. —*Nehemiah ii: 4, 5.*

Response—*And the king said unto me, For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me.*—Nehemiah ii: 6.

Leader—Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king let a letter be given me to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house and for the wall of the city.—*Nehemiah ii: 8.*

Response—*And the king granted me according to the good hand of my God upon me. So the wall was finished. And it came to pass that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.*—Nehemiah ii: 8, vi: 16.

Leader—And Abraham drew near and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?—*Genesis xviii: 23, 24.*

Response—*And the Lord said. If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then will I spare all the place for their sakes.*—Genesis xviii: 26.

Leader—And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure, ten shall be found there.—*Genesis xviii: 32.*

Response—*And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.*—Genesis xviii: 32.

Leader—And Moses besought the Lord his God, and said, Lord, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it forever.—*Exodus xxxii: 11, 13.*

Response—*And the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.* —Exodus xxxii: 14.

Leader—And Moses said unto the Lord, thou hast said, I know thee by name and thou hast also found grace in my sight. Now, therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight show me now thy way—and consider that this nation is thy people.—*Exodus xxxiii: 12, 13.*

Response—*And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.*—Exodus xxxiii: 14.

Leader—And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence. For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? is it not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people from all the people that are upon the face of the earth. —*Exodus xxxiii: 15, 16.*

Response—*And the Lord said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.*—Exodus xxxiii: 17.

Leader—And he (Solomon) stood before the altar of the Lord and prayed, If thy people return to thee with all their heart and with all their soul—Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee.—*II Chronicles vi: 38, 39.*

Response—*Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering, and the sacrifices: and the glory of the Lord filled the house.*—II Chronicles vii: 1.

Leader—And I (Daniel) prayed unto the Lord my God and made confession and said, O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God; for thy city and thy people are called by thy name. —*Daniel ix: 4, 19.*

Response—*And while I was speaking and praying and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel—Yea, whilst I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel whom I had seen in the vision—talked with me and said, At the* beginning *of thy supplication the commandment came forth and I am come to show thee; for thou art greatly beloved.*—Daniel ix: 21, 23.

Leader—And when he (Herod) had apprehended him (Peter), he put him in prison and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him. Peter, therefore, was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the Church unto God for him.—*Acts xii: 4, 5.*

Response—*And behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side. and raised him up saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.*—Acts xii: 7.

Leader—These words spake Jesus and lifted up his eyes to heaven and said—I pray for them: I pray not for the world but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word.—*John xvii: 1, 9, 15, 20.*

Response—*And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desire of him.*—I John v: 11, 14, 15.

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